Law on Women's property rights

103. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking or propose to take to rationalise law on women's property rights;

(b) the details of such law;

(c) whether Government consulted the State Government in this ragard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The property rights of women are governed by the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, Indian Succession Act, 1925 and the other personal laws relating to different communities. As fas as the property rights of the Hindu women are concerned, a report from the Law Commission of India (174th Report) was received and the Government has written to all the State Governments and Union territory administrations eleciting their views in the matter.

(d) A number of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have responded to the letter written by the Government and the Government will take a view in the matter after all or most of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations send their comments.